(c) if not, the present status of this matter and by when this decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to disinvest 51% of the equity of the company held by the Government in BALCO through strategic sale. Government have not taken any decision for disinvestment in NALCO.

Export of Steel By SAIL

*152. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the strategy chalked out by SAIL to strengthen its export market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): In line with its Corporate philosophy of becoming a global player in exports, SAIL have evolved the following strategies:

(a) Value added exports

(b) Consistent export

(c) Market segmentation and sustained presence in respect segments

(d) Improved infrastructure at loading ports and steel plants

(e) Adequate and suitable market intelligence.

Protection to Domestic Automobile Industry

*153. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow import of used cars from 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to asses its effect on Indian automobile industry;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;

(e) what happened to the domestic automobile industry in other developing countries where such steps were taken; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to safeguard domestic automobile